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1. JULY 17 ITEM 5 SUSPENDED PENDING CONSIDERATION MULTINATIONALS. ITEM 5 REMAINS ON AGENDA FOLLOWING ITEMS 8 AND 13. WE OBTAINED COMMITMENT FROM FRENCH THAT OBSERVATORY RES WOULD NOT BE UNILATERALLY WITHDRAWN, THUS TIME PROVIDED FOR CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS.

2. ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS JULY 17 (INDONESIA, VENEZUELA, PAKISTAN, COLOMBIA, INDIA) ALL REASSERTED NEED TO PROVIDE LINKAGE AND CONTINUED INDICATE DRAFT RES INADEQUATE UNLESS "BOTH SIDES OF COIN EXAMINED". EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH LDC'S INDICATE LDC'S WILL INSIST MERGED RESES HAVE AS THE FOCUS "THE LINK". BOTH FRENCH AND OURSELVES AGREE THERE NO POSSIBILITY OF PRODUCING MERGED DRAFT WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO LDC'S.

3. WE HAVE TRANSMITTED SEPTEL DRAFT OF FRENCH-US WORKING PAPER AS IT NOW STANDS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED
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THAT WORKING PAPER REFLECTS LESS EMPHASIS ON PRICE

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THAN ORIGINAL FRENCH RES, WHILE LDC'S ARE INSISTING ON MORE EMPHASIS ON PRICE AND LINKAGE.

4. WE AGAIN CALL DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO FACT THAT WHILE RES FORMALLY ON TABLE, WE ARE VULNERABLE TO AMENDMENTS FROM LDC'S WHO INSIST "THEIR VIEWS BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT; AND THREE DELS (IRAN, INDONESIA, JORDAN) HAVE INDICATED STRONG DESIRE TO BE PART CONSULTATIONS. CONSULTATIONS WITH LDC'S WILL HAVE TO BE CONDUCTED WITH SOME CIRCUMSPECTION SINCE IF THEY BECOME AWARE OF THE VERY LIMITED NATURE OF PRICE CONSIDERATION AND COMPLETE IGNORING OF LINKAGE IN FRENCH-US WORKING PAPER, REACTION UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE TO FORCE ISSUE BACK INTO ACTIVE CONSIDERATION IN ECON COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSE OF "BROADENING" THE BASIS OF RESES.

5. FRENCH AND US IN AGREEMENT THAT BEST INTEREST SERVED BY KEEPING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS GOING AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. IT IS, HOWEVER, UNANIMOUS VIEW OF US DEL THAT SUSPENSION PENDING CONSULTATIONS CANNOT LAST MUCH LONGER THAN MONDAY, JULY 22. DALE

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